

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH SANITARIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work of a complex nature which includes responsibility for a variety of activities, including planning and overseeing one or more of the department's environmental health programs. In addition, the incumbent of this position will be expected to handle more difficult assignments. The work differs from that of a Public Health Sanitarian in the programmatic responsibilities as well as the handling of more difficult assignments. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher level public health engineer. Supervision may be exercised over a staff which may include Public Health Sanitarian, Public Health Technicians, Environmental Health Aides and other technical/clerical personnel. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Supervises the work involved in all or part of several environmental health programs (e.g. food service establishments, private water supplies, private sewage disposal, rodent control, housing, bathing beaches and swimming pools, facilities for refuse disposal, temporary residences, etc.);

Performs investigations, holds hearings, prepares reports, and makes recommendations;

Participates in appropriate investigation and inspection work, generally handling the more difficult and/or complex cases;

Serves as consultant to local jurisdictions involving discussions, instructions and demonstrations;

Studies present and proposed local regulations to determine conformity with the State Sanitary Code and confers with local officials regarding resolutions which do not conform;

Prepares reports, many of a moderately complex to complex nature;

Examines plans for renovated and new kitchens for service food establishments;

Supervises and trains Public Health Sanitarians and other subordinate staff.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of environmental health principles and practices; ability to supervise the work of others including Public Health Sanitarians; ability to plan and supervise the activities of one or more environmental health programs; ability to prepare and work effectively to secure the interest and cooperation of business, civic groups and public officials; ability to train others in environmental health work; ability to prepare a variety of written reports; ability to understand and interpret written material (e.g. regulations); ability to act as a hearing officer, as assigned.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's degree which included thirty (30) credit hours in the Natural Sciences, twelve (12) hours of which must have been in the Physical and/or Biological Sciences and either:

1. Two (2) years of experience in environmental health protection,* or
2. Thirty (30) graduate credit hours, including eighteen (18) credit hours in Biological Science, Environmental Health, Sanitary Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, Public Health, Sanitary Engineering, or related and one (1) year of experience in environmental health protection.*

NOTE: An Associate's degree or completion of sixty (60) undergraduate credit hours, including twenty-four (24) hours in the Natural Sciences, twelve (12) of which must have been in the Biological and/or Physical Sciences and seven (7) years experience in environmental health protection* may be substituted for the required education and experience requirements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Completion of a training course in Environmental Health approved by the New York State Health Department. Such course must have been completed prior to or within one (1) year after appointment.

PROMOTION: Two (2) years as a Public Health Sanitarian or a Housing Inspector (Public Health).

*Environmental health protection shall be defined in this context as the conduct of field inspections of various types of facilities for compliance with the New York State Public Health Law, Sanitary Codes of New York State or Rockland County or equivalent; citing deficiencies and conducting follow-up to determine compliance.